(*b*) Does not arise.

FEES COLLECTED BY ERNAKULAM MUNICIPALITY FROM MOTOR BOATS

• **259. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon** *(Cranganur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the amount of toll collected by the Ernakulam Municipality per boat (motor) up to the end of 1114;

(*b*) the amount per boat that is now being collected?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The rates of fees levied by the Ernakulam Municipality in 1114 are shown below.

		Rs.	*A.*	*P.*
Boats up to 5 tons	..	0	2	0
,, 5 to 10 tons	..	0	3	0
,, 10 to 20 tons	..	0	4	0
,, 20 tons and above	..	0	6	0

(*b*) The same rates are being collected in 1116.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* May I know, Sir, whether these rates have to be paid once or twice a day?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is only landing fees.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Are they to pay again for leaving the station?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Am I to take it that these rates are both to and fro?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes, I think so.

NEWSPAPERS LICENSED IN 1116—PARTICULARS OF

260. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) names of persons to whom licenses for conducting newspapers were granted under the Newspapers Act in the first 6 months of 1116;

(*b*) the date of the license;

(c) the license fee made to deposit by each;

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(*d*) what is the principle followed in the above cases in fixing the license fee by Government?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*)
1. Mr. K. V. Kunhirama Poduval (Jenmabhoomi)
2. Mr. V. K. Sankaran (Snehithan)
3. Mr. T. N. Vaideeswara Ayyar (States of India)
4. Mr. T. K. Rama Menon (Gosri Vidyarthi)

(*b*)

1. Jenmabhoomi	26—10—1940
2. Snehithan	12—11—1940
3. States of India	30—11—1940
4. Gosri Vidyarthi	13—12—1940

(*c*) Rs. 10 each.

(*d*) A nominal fee alone has been fixed, on Government being satisfied that the papers will be conducted in a responsible and reasonable manner.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Which is the Officer of the Government who decides the question that it would be conducted in a responsible and reasonable manner?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Generally we consult the District Magistrate, the Police Commissioner and the Publicity Officer also.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Have you consulted all these Officers with respect to all these papers?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is not statutory to consult these people. I submitted, we generally consult them; but in exceptional cases we need not consult them and Government can *suo moto* grant the license, if they are satisfied.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know whether in all these four cases the Government have consulted the Police Commissioner, the District Magistrate and the Publicity Officer?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* In some of these cases they have been consulted.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know which is the case which has not been referred to?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I think, in the case of *Snehithan.*

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* In this case to whom did you refer?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I think the Police Commissioner and the District Magistrate.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* So, you say that in respect of all the other three you received reports from all the officers?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Not from all. In some cases, I think, we have not got the report from the Police Commissioner. In other cases, we have not got the report from the District Magistrate. But even without that, the materials available with Government were sufficient, and therefore they passed orders.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Which is the case in which the Police Commissioner has not submitted his report?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The Commissioner's report, I think, was not received with reference to No. 1, *Jenmma Bhoomi.*

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know the case in which the District Magistrate has not made his report?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* In the case of *Snehithan.*

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Why were not reports from them received in these two cases?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It took some time to get the reports, therefore we issued orders.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* So you did not wait for the report to pass orders?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That is so.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Are there not cases where they have received more amounts than Rs. 10?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There may be.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, what the idea of Government is in levying license fees before a paper is started?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That is statutory.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Is it because the people who start a paper have got any dozier or any record?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That is one object. These officers are expected to report about all relevant

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circumstances so as to enable Government to give them the license and fix the fees.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* So, are we to take it that in all these cases persons to whom permits were given are persons who can be trusted to carry on the work properly?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes, they were satisfied and therefore they were given permits.

HARBOUR EMPLOYEES DRAWING OVER RS. 100

261. Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):*

(*a*) Will Government be pleased to place on the Table the list of officers in the three offices of the Cochin Port, *viz.*, Administrative Office, Port Office and the Executive Engineer's Office, drawing Rs. 100 and more salary with their qualifications;

(*b*) of these, who are all Cochinites and what are their qualifications?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) & (*b*) A statement containing the information is placed on the Council Table*.

HARBOUR EMPLOYEES—QUALIFICATIONS OF

262. Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):*

(*a*) Will Government be pleased to place on the Table the list of employees in the various offices of the Cochin Port who are graduates and with higher qualifications with their respective salaries;

(*b*) is there any preference given to graduates in the matter of appointment and promotions?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) A list is placed on the Council Table**.

(*b*) In the case of first appointment, other qualifications being the same, graduates are preferred. In the case of promotions, merit and seniority are the primary considerations taken into account.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Sir, amidst the graduates in the list here, I find several men of qualifications M.A., B.A., B.Com., B.A., B.E., B.A., C.E. (Hons)., etc., getting salaries of Rs. 36; Rs. 80, Rs. 62 and so on, whereas I find in the other list one Mr. L. Venkitaraman, S.S.L.C. and Mr. S. Panchapakesan, S.S.L.C.,

*Appendix I

**Appendix II

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